

## **NOVEMBER 2004**

## NEW WORKGROUP TO FOCUS ON SMOOTH DISCHARGE OF PEOPLE FROM ACUTE INPATIENT SETTINGS BACK HOME

The Division of Developmental Disabilities is forming a workgroup to focus on how best to assist people in returning to their group home settings when they have been inpatient in psychiatric or medical settings. Linda Flores, the Division's new Director of Program Services, will be spearheading the workgroup. The first meeting will be held in November of 2004.

## RATE INCREASE AND DTA

For all provider rate increase services, the rates will be effective in November for October billings with the retroactive amount coming in December. The 1:1 and 1:2 rates for Day Treatment Adult (DTA) services were increased since they are "pegged" to the Habilitation Hourly (HAH) rates. DTA services were not included in the rate increase, however, since the 1:1 and 1:2 rates follow HAH, providers will see an increase in rates when providing these ratios.

## FISCAL INTERMEDIARY IMPLEMENTATION

The Division of Developmental Disabilities is proceeding to implement the fiscal intermediary service after the first of the year for consumers who use independent providers and use multiple providers. Provider agencies will be receiving more information in November/December via an email notice.

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